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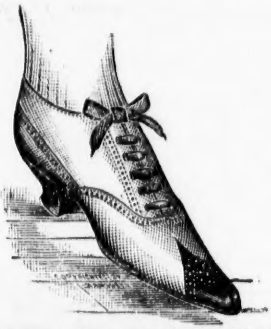

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Mrs. Roger McDoodle, who finds her time completely occupied watching the male McDoodle ..... Lillie Black

Mrs. Peter Poodle, a friend of Mrs. McDoodle, who finds she is wed to a very sly dog, indeed ..... Ray Vernon

Janet, a pert waiting maid ..... Edna Urline

Elmira, Poodle's daughter ..... Nellie Sheridan

Rube Sparrow, not such a fool as he looks ..... John J. Black

Front, waiter at Poodle's hotel, also a partner in business ..... A. C. Lawrence

Members of Juliet Gore Opera Company:

- Julia Peach ..... Nellie Sheridan
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SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.—Time, Summer afternoon.—Garden party in honor of Poodle's birthday. Arrival of McDoodle and the actress. An entertainment in which everyone participates. The actress wants a backer—get's two. The invitation to supper.

ACT II.—Next day; time, evening. The supper. Unexpected return of Mrs. McDoodle. Secretion of the actress. Now let her come. Arrival of Romeo with the baby. "McDoodle, you're poisoned."

ACT III.—Autumn, same year. SCENE 1—Poodle's hotel. The opera company keeps to the landlord. Arrival of Miss Juliet. The Duke and Count. What time is it, Willie? SCENE 2—Street in front of hotel. The soldiers. SCENE 3—Same as scene 2. Office. The dummies. The wives. The recognition. "Then we'll forgive you." Finale.

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She donned her sweetest smile,
And flirted with another man
Who sat across the aisle.
—New York Press.

Flossie—Mamma, tan I have a new dollie?
Mamma—No! Your doll is just as good as new.
Flossie—Well I'se dest as dood as new, but Dod dave 'oo another little dirl.

TOMMY'S BREAK.

(From Puck.)

I got fired from Sunday-school
Week before last. I don't care!
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MUSICAL... PROGRAMME.

ACT I.—Opening Chorus.....Company
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"Her Eyes Don't Shine Like Diamonds".....Frankie Haines
Comedy effusions.....RICE & BARTON
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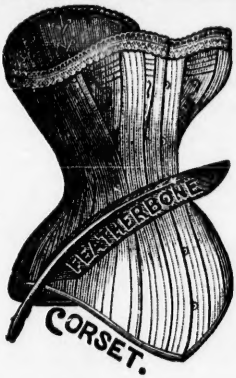

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